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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7153
BILL NUMBER: HB 1388

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2009
BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Foster Care and Kinship Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Summers
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		150,000	150,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(150,000)	(150,000)

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to apply for federal funding if DCS receives state funding for the implementation of the kinship care navigator pilot projects.

The bill also requires DCS to: (1) exercise due diligence to identify all blood and adoptive relatives of a child alleged to be a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) who is taken into custody; and (2) provide certain notice to the blood and adoptive relatives of the child.

The bill appropriates \$150,000 to DCS from the state General Fund for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires DCS employees to locate and notify all blood and adoptive relatives of a CHINS that is taken into state custody of the options available to them to provide

kinship care to the child. DCS reports they currently exercise due diligence in contacting all blood and adoptive relatives of CHINS and notify them of the child's placement and other considerations defined in the legislation.

The bill removes current provisions requiring the kinship care navigation pilot program to be implemented upon the receipt of nonstate or private funding sources. The bill requires that if DCS receives state funding for implementation of the pilot program, that DCS is also required to apply for any applicable federal funding for program costs. The bill also appropriates \$150,000 of state funding per fiscal year to the pilot program for a total of \$300,000 during the biennium. These provisions will increase the workload of DCS employees to (1) implement the pilot program and (2) apply for applicable federal funding for the pilot program.

Currently, DCS is partnered with not-for-profit organizations to generate grant funding for kinship care navigator programs across the state. Kid's Voice, one of the not-for-profit organizations participating received a grant with the support of DCS.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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